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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 15 and 19.

3. (Amended) A process for producing an oxide single crystal according to claim 1, wherein said oxide single crystal is cooled by blowing a cooling medium thereto.

4. (Amended) A process for producing an oxide single crystal according to claim 1, wherein said oxide single crystal is drawn from an opening of a nozzle portion provided at a tip of said crucible.